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Know thou the Lord.

My son, know thou the Lord,
Thy father's God obey;
Seek his protecting care by night,
His guardian hand by day.
Call while he may be found;
Seek him while he is near;
Serve him with all thy heart and mind,
And worship him with fear.
If thou wilt seek his face,
His ear will hear thy cry;
Then shalt thou find his mercy sure,
His grace forever nigh.
But if thou leave thy God,
Nor choose thy path to heaven,
Then shalt thou perish in thy sins,
And never be forgiven.

ROBERT C. BRACKENBURY.

The Mallott Scandal.

For the satisfaction of many inquirers, and the vindication of the brotherhood, I write this article. I have delayed thus long that I might write intelligently. The matter has been referred to several times already through these columns, but not as definitely as is desired. The facts in the case, as near as I can learn them, are these: R. F. Mallott left his wife and children, some time last May, and eloped with a young woman by the name of Allie Wood, daughter of Simon Wood, residing in the vicinity of Flora, Ind. Miss Wood is about twenty-one years of age, bold and dashing, but not good looking, and her reputation is in keeping with this last act. He pretended to have gone to South America, but really went to the Indian Territory, from whence he has been writing letters to one of our ministering brethren, whose name I will not mention for the sake of his credit. In these letters Mallott says he is teaching and preaching, and has baptized three persons, and for that reason it is high time this expose is being published, that all men may know what kind of a man they are dealing with. He also writes that he will return to Indiana and go into business. It is also said that since the elopement Sister Mallott has obtained a divorce on the plea of desertion, the expense of which he paid. All kinds of slanderous reports (none criminal, however) are being circulated by Mallott's friends, against Sister Mallott, all of which I believe to be false. While he remained at home and discharged his duties as a husband and father, they got along together as well as the average of families, but when he neglected those duties, and allowed himself to look upon other women to lust after them, then he discovered that he didn't love his wife, and had "foolishly married at the age of eighteen." It is a case of "pure cussedness," willful, premeditated wrong-doing, at the risk of his eternal destiny, and for the honor of the church it becomes us to purge ourselves of such ungodliness by a public denunciation, and in accordance with our creed: "Those that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." 1 Tim. 5: 20.

When the church at Milford learned of his sin, they took action in the case, and promptly revoked his certificate; therefore be it known to all men that R. F. Mallott is in no way associated

with the Brethren Church, either as a minister or private member, and all such pretenses on his part are fraudulent and hypocritical.

All good people regret, say more, they painfully deplore the loss of a man, who, under God, was instrumental in doing so much good, and many hearts were bowed to the earth with grief when we learned the sad facts of the downfall of Bro. Mallott! It was distressingly painful and crushingly humiliating. But he has fallen; and in endeavoring to sustain him, or allowing our sympathy to excuse him, we become party to his crime, and must go down with him. Therefore let him "go to his own place," and "his bishoprick let another take," and let us all redouble our diligence, and by greater zeal, holier lives and brighter lights, dispel this darkness cast upon our fair record, and "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

H. R. HOLSINGER.

Miami Valley Items.

After our return from Pa., I filled my regular appointments at Little York. Through some misunderstanding one appointment had been missed, and I received a letter from our zealous young brother V. E. Wampler, informing me I must come at any cost. So I went. But on my return I found that Pennsylvania hospitality and my ordinary way of Ohio living was such a contrast, that my whole digestive machinery rebelled, and I became so painfully indisposed that had it not been for the peremptory letter of our brother, I surely would not have undertaken the trip. I went however, and came out all right. But I had to disappoint our appointment at Miamisburg.

After a week's rest I was as well as ever, and so prepared for active work.

On the following Saturday, the 16th, I was among the Miamisburg people. And I found their zeal was not abated. Some desired baptism, therefore we made appointment for Monday.

Sunday we attended to our usual services at Farmersville, Winchester and Lexington. The extreme hot weather seemed to have a great effect on the people. At least it was very noticeable in our congregations.

During our absence in Pa., Brethren Perry, Kilhefner and Tombaugh very kindly filled our place. The people very much appreciated their services, and are anxious to hear our young brethren again.

As I have tendered my resignation, the congregations at Farmersville, Winchester and Lexington have called Bro. A. A. Cober to serve them. We do hope that all will be satisfactorily arranged so that Bro. Alvin will speedily take charge. The congregations need a resident pastor in their midst.

A couple of weeks ago the little church at Lexington was demolished. We stopped to look at the wreck. It was with

regret that we now viewed the house where we have so often met, and experienced many happy seasons of worship laying in ruins. The house was old and could not stand the strain of the elements. So like many other old institutions, it had served its time, accomplished its purpose, and now remains only as a ruin.

The Brethren are making some arrangement for erecting another house of worship. In the mean time, we will use a Union meeting house, now occupied by the United Brethren.

On Monday, the 18th, we went to Miamisburg. As there were only two members—Bro. and sister Niebel, in that vicinity, a delegation of six from Farmersville, and about so many from Bear Creek, were with us.

We met at the home of Bro. David Early, one of our applicants, when quite a large number of people met with us. We had very pleasant services in the front yard. We then went to the Miami River, and we baptized five. Brethren Dan Beachler, David Early, John T. Early, Albert Early and wife. These Earlys are near relatives of our Perry A. Early, of Nappanee, Ind. There are yet about eleven more applicants at this place.

But as we expect to send a report of our work at this and other places to the Ohio Home Mission, we will say no more about it now.

We are now on our way to Ludlow Falls, where the Sunday School of Pleasant Hill will meet tomorrow the 23rd, to have a general good time.

EDWARD MASON.

From Ashland College to Active Work.

The evening of the second of this month closed my relations with Ashland College as a student. My experience was but a repetition of all student's life, so it is useless to repeat any of the past events. Will simply say notwithstanding all the hard lessons, dreary days, and the oft desire for the home circle with father and mother, that there were hours of pleasure and friendships formed that time itself cannot efface from the memory.

Often do I turn in gratitude to the teachers who sacrificed their time, and no doubt, considerable patience, for my good; to the students who were as brothers and sisters to me, and whose society I enjoyed so much; to the citizens, many of whom I became personally acquainted with and whose hospitality was very much appreciated. Thus the short time spent in Ashland is a nucleus around which gravitate many pleasant recollections.

On the fourth of the month, Bro. J. L. Kimmel and I bade adieu to all and boarded the east-bound train for Johnstown, Pa., where we arrived late p.m. We were met at the depot by Bros. J. D. Findley and B. S. Benshoff, who were formerly students at the College and whose society I

enjoyed very much during the visit.

While rambling amid the scenes of my childhood, many things were recalled that had lain for years comparatively dormant in the mind.

The cause seems to be prospering finely in that vicinity. The members are up and doing in all good work, and they are led by a lot of ministers who are earnest, God-fearing men that are ready for all Christian work.

While in the state, I spent some time in Somerset Co., the nucleus of "Pennsylvania Dutch." I always wondered why the people in Iowa who came from Somerset were such good cooks, but one week spent in that vicinity convinced me concerning their culinary proficiency, because they are good tutors in that vicinity in the cooking department.

While there, brothers Mason, Bershoff, Kimmel and I undertook to find a noted rock, located in the vicinity. Now if Bro. Mason tells you that we were lost, he is mistaken, but the rock was most terribly lost from us. After a more than three hours wander, during the hottest part of one of these hottest days, we found the desired spot. While it was a grand sight, truly I was too tired to appreciate it. Bro. Mason tried to act spry, but the way he lagged toward the last, I am inclined to think he was weary, if not a little too heavily burdened with flesh to enjoy such recreation. I was informed that these were the favorite hunting grounds of Bro. J. P. Lichty. After this trip, think I can tell Bro. "Jake" a "dear" story or two when we meet again.

The churches in the vicinity of Berlin, Pa., are progressing finely. As Bro. Mason will give a history, will simply say that God's cause is advocated by a class of ministers and Christian people that are an honor to any denomination.

Finally the time came for me to leave Pa. I regretted to leave the people of the Keystone state, because the visits were as a general thing brief, and there were some that I would have visited if time would have been allotted to me. I left the state on the eighth of July, and arrived in Mulberry, Ind., my destination, July 9th. Was met at the depot by brethren J. B. Metzger and J. A. Miller, whose society I enjoy very much. Bro. Miller will go to Ashland College this coming year and Bro. E. E. Metzger expects to return also. On last Sunday I preached my first sermon in this state, and had the pleasure of baptizing a man and his wife in the afternoon. The cause is prospering in this vicinity.

Yours Truly,

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

From Altamont, Cal.

As it is some time since there was anything in the EVANGELIST from our place, I feel like letting you know that we are still alive and doing what we can for the good cause. About three weeks

ago, we held a little meeting after Sunday School, and in that meeting Bro. Shanks suggested that we ought to return a vote of thanks to Mr. Moss for his time and labor on the church. Mr. Moss is a Presbyterian, but he is a good mechanic, and took a very active part in the erection of our church at Altamont, bestowing much time and labor on it. After some discussion it was finally concluded to return thanks to all the brethren, sisters and friends who have so kindly assisted us on the Brethren church at Altamont, and to Mr. Moss in particular. It was also decided that the Sunday School should take an active part in finishing up the inside of the church, such as furnishing window shades, some more lamps, and a pulpit. We already have the platform.

Our Sunday School is doing finely, although we have lately lost some valuable members of the school. Bro. Thomas Finch, with his family, has moved to Southern California. They were all very active workers in the church and Sunday School. We miss them very much, and especially do I miss little sister Korah, who was a member of my class. We wish them well in their new home and hope to hear from them soon and often.

Brother Doty has agreed to preach once a month for us, and has preached once already. We have also agreed to have our love feasts quarterly, to commence on the first of October; and so you see, although there are but few of us, we are at work in the Master's vineyard. At this time our little army is somewhat scattered, sister Perret and Minnie and Bro. Davis being in Los Angeles, and my husband in Indiana. After awhile we hope to gather our forces and we trust that the good cause will move steadily and rapidly forward in the Coast Range.

I will yet say, in conclusion, that our clerk, Bro. Shanks, has been very busy harvesting, and that I have written this communication by his request. You will no doubt hear from him in the future.

HANNAH E. BEER.

A Dried Up Country.

For about 12 or 20 miles square this country is literally dried up. Wheat and oats were very light. New corn and grain, especially the former, will hardly be worth harvesting. The farmers being mostly mortgaged to death, and the country full of poor laboring men with out employment, will necessarily make very hard times in this district. No better soil is found in Kansas than there is here, but this has been a very unfavorable season. The ground not having been soaked but very little for about a year.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

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God never promised to save by miracles those that would not save themselves by means.